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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Donald R. Gilbreath)

Date: September 16, 2005

Examiner: Dunwoody, Aaron M..

Serial No.: 10/723,126

Group Art Unit: 3679

Docket No.: C02-085A

For: HYDRAULIC HOSE FITTING
AND METHOD

AMENDMENT A

Via Fax: 703-872-9306
The Honorable Commissioner
for Patents
Group Art Unit 3679
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner Dunwoody:

AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26 2004, the applicant responds as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**PETITION**

Applicants hereby petition for the necessary and sufficient extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 in which to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

FEES

Any fees incurred as a result of any action herein, including but not limited to amendments and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17, are to be charged to assignee's Deposit Account No. 07-0475.

SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended as presented and as described in detail in the remarks, both *infra*.

CLAIMS

The claims are amended as presented and as described in detail in the remarks, both *infra*.